

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 7, 2006.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-3, 7-10, 14-17 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,025,988 issued to Yan in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,434,817 issued to Feigenbaum et al. Claims 6, 13 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,025,988 issued to Yan in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,434,817 issued to Feigenbaum et al. further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,859,968 issued to Barber and U.S. Patent No. 6,395,121 issued to De Bastiani. Claims 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,025,988 issued to Yan in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,434,817 issued to Feigenbaum et al., further in view of AAPA.

Claims 1, 8 and 15 hereby have been amended to include an opening in a flex circuit cover film as previously claimed in Claims 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, and 19. Further, Claims 1, 8 and 15 hereby have been amended to include the concept that the electrically conductive trace includes “*uncovered portions that are not covered by any of the integrated circuit device and the underfill portion within the opening.*” The glob top portion is required to be “*disposed upon the underfill portion and the flex circuit base film and completely covering the uncovered portions of the electrically conductive trace*” with “*the glob top portion not being disposed upon the top surface of the integrated circuit device.*” The amended claim language is supported at least by Figures 4-9 as originally filed.

Applicant respectfully submits that none of the cited references teaches or suggests a glob top portion completely covering uncovered portions of a trace within an opening as

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required by amended independent Claims 1, 8 and 15. For at least this reason, amended Claims 1, 8 and 15 and their dependent claims are now in a condition for allowance.

If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account Number 19-4330.

Respectfully submitted,

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